

For Application

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"Called Together To Lead, Committed to Following"

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“Declaration of Faith”

WE BELIEVE....

1. The Scriptures Inspired. The Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, are verbally inspired of God and are the revelation of God to man; and they are the infallible, authoritative rule of faith and conduct (I Thess. 2:13; II Tim. 3:15-17; II Pet. 1:21)

2. The One True God. The one true God has revealed Himself as the eternally self-existent “I AM,” the Creator of heaven and earth and the Redeemer of mankind. He has further revealed Himself eternally existent in three persons as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. (Deut. 6:4; Isa 43:10-11; Matt 28:19; Lu 3:22; IJo. 5:7).

3. The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Eternal Son of God. We believe in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His sacrificial death and resurrection and in His ascension to the right hand of the Father. (Matt. 1:18-25; I Pet. 2:21-22; Mk. 15:37; Mk 16:19)

4. The Fall of Man. Man was created good and upright, for God said, “*Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.*” However, man by voluntary transgression fell and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God. (Gen. 1:26-27; Gen. 2:17; Gen. 3:6; Rom 5:12-19).

5. The Salvation of Man. Man’s only hope of being cleansed from sin is through repentance, and faith in the blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. (Act 2:38; Heb. 9:22; I Jo 5:7-9).

6. Spiritual Renewing. Renewing by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation.(Jo. 3:3-5; Tit. 3:5)

7. The Baptism in the Holy Ghost. All believers are entitled to and should ardently expect and earnestly seek the promise of the Father, the baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all the early Christian church. With it comes the endowment of power for life and service, the bestowment of the gifts, and the uses of gifts in the work of the ministry (Lu 24:49; Act 1:4,8; I Cor 12:1-31). This experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the New Birth (Acts 8:12-17, 10:44-46, 11:14-16, 15:7-9). With the baptism in the Holy Ghost comes such experiences as an overflowing fullness of the Spirit (Jo 7:37-39; Act 4:8), a deepened reverence for God (Act 2:43; Heb 12:28), an intensified consecration to God and dedication to His work (Act 2:42), and a more active love for Christ, for His Word, and for the lost (Mk 16:20).

8. The Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. The baptism of believers in the Holy Ghost is witnessed by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives them utterance (Act 2:4).

9. The Church. The church is the body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of its great commission. Each believer, born of the Spirit, is an integral part of “*the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven*” (Heb. 12:23; Eph 1:22-23, 2:22).

10. Divine Healing. The redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the physical body in answer to believing prayer. (Isa. 53:5; I Pet. :24).

11. The Blessed Hope. The Second Coming of Christ the rapture of the saints, which is our blessed hope (Tit. 2:13; I Thes. 4:16-17), followed by the visible return of Christ with His saints to reign on the earth for one thousand years (Zech. 14:5; Matt 24:27-30; Rev. 1:7, 19:11-14, 20:1-6). This Millennial Reign will bring the salvation of Israel (Ezek. 37:21-22; Zeph. 3:19-20; Rom 11:26-27) and the establishment of universal peace (Psa. 72:3-8; Isa. 11:6-9; Mic. 4:3-4).

12. The Resurrection of the Saved. We believe in the resurrection of the saved to everlasting life and the unsaved to everlasting damnation. (Jo 5:28-29; Act 4:15)

13. The Final Judgment. There will be a final judgment in which the wicked dead will be raised and judged according to their works. Whosoever is not found written in the Book of Life, together with the devil and his angels and the beast and the false prophet, will be consigned to everlasting punishment in “the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death” (Rev. 21:8).

14. The New Heavens and the New Earth. “II Pet 3:13; Rev 21, 22”

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN ALLIANCE

“Called Together to Lead,
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Mission Statement: To establish and maintain a Christian Alliance for the purpose of proclaiming the Gospel. Making a difference in the World around us through a threefold ministry plan;

OUTREACH — Evangelize the lost, minister to the hurting and shut-in

ALMS — Minister to poor and needy through giving

TRAINING — Equipping men and women to share the Gospel

—MEMBERSHIP—

In as much as this Corporation is without stock, and no shares are to be issued, the interest in the Evangelical Christian Alliance (ECA) shall be in the form of membership only. Those eligible for membership shall be Ministers, Evangelists, Missionaries, Exhorters, Deacons, and Lay Leaders. **To accomplish the mission of this Alliance, will take financial support from the membership, and the local churches alike.**

In Acts 4:32-35, we find a gracious gift of giving to help the poor, and the administration. The Word says that there was none of them that lacked, there was not an needy person, for as many as were owners of fields or houses were selling them and bringing the finance to the church. The Greek here does not mean that everyone sold his property at one time. Rather, from time to time someone would sell a piece of property, then later someone else would as the Lord brought the need to their attention.

Those who sold the property brought the money and laid it at the APOSTLES feet. **They gave it over to the Apostles and gave the Apostles full authority to use it as they saw fit.** The Apostles were faithful to this responsibility, and they distributed the money here and there to each needy person in proportion to the need.

The distribution of the money was a continuing ministry. As long as there was a need, and as new needs arose, the Apostles were made aware of the need and help was given in proportion to the need. They did not help a person once and then forget him or her.

Membership in a Christian organization shall not disqualify an applicant from being a member in this Alliance, since it is our purpose to promote fellowship among all brethren.

Differences of opinion on doctrine shall not be a barrier to membership as long as there is adherence to the Declarations of Faith of the ECA.

The Evangelical Christian Alliance will accept any and all persons regardless of race, color, and national origin. When the appropriate vows have been made, such persons shall be received into this Alliance as a member and therefore entitled to attend the local church of their choice.

All persons received into the Evangelical Christian Alliance **must be a member of some local body.** No member shall have membership at more than one church. They must be enrolled and should give their support to the church with faithful attendance, tithes and offerings. All members are required to file a quarterly report to their Ecclesiastical Jurisdictional Assembly to which they are assigned; whether the local church is a member of the ECA or not.

—GOALS—

—SHORT TERM—

1. Develop and foster a continuous Spiritual Fellowship among men and women of the gospel.

2. Provide a quarterly newsletter to all members

- Keep informed of ministry activities of the saints
- Provide information for the basis of encouragement/growth
- Develop a prayer Network

3. Help those that labor in the Gospel

- Assist in equipping ministers in the gospel
—Provide material/information to help educate ministers for work of the ministry.
Provide credentials to prospective ministers who wish to be Non-Denominational

4. Help the Poor and Needy

- Provide Love gifts to people/organizations as needs are identified
 - Assist in Family Intervention Programs
 - Assist in disaster relief efforts
5. Develop a Network of Outreach
- Share principles of outreach with each other that are effective
 - Encourage continuous outreach programs

— LONG TERM —

1. To have a Annual General Confenence among members and Associated Churches.

2. Sponsor ministers to preach in the U.S. and Overseas

3. Provide material to assist new ministers/leaders in their training/ education

- —Ministers Manuals
- —Resource materials (Sunday School Materials, etc)
- —Conduct Seminars

4. Sponsor Missionaries to/in foreign countries.

5. To have a minister relief fund, to help provide relief with the hardships that sometimes occur in the work of the ministry.

6. Assist Churches in Building